

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 20.—The Iowa Railroad Commissioners to-day directed the Attorney General to bring suits in equity against the Iowa Central, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Chicago and Northwestern, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railways to enforce their order requiring joint rates to be put in force in Iowa.

NOTES OF VARIOUS INTERESTS.

Elliott Holbrook has been appointed Superintendent of the Pittsburg Division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, succeeding R. V. Patton, who becomes General Manager of the Pittsburg and Western. Last Spring Mr. Holbrook resigned the position of General Manager of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Road to become Chief Engineer of the Staten Island Division of the Baltimore and Ohio.

The following figures are taken from the annual report of the New-York and Harlem: Betterments, \$539,762; gross earnings, \$881,250; operating expenses, \$659,76; other, \$57,388; fixed charges, \$28,652; dividends, \$250,000; surplus for year, \$5,710; total surplus June 30, \$2,717,188.

At the annual meeting of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul stockholders the purchase of the Milwaukee and Northern was ratified. The issue of 61,503 shares of common stock, to pay for a like number of Milwaukee and Northern stock, was authorized. The old board was re-elected.

The position of Superintendent of the Shore Line Division of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad, recently made vacant by the resignation of E. G. Allen, has been filled by the appointment of Albert S. Ostrander, an old employe and former conductor on the New-York Division.

Vice President Peck and General Freight and Passenger Agent Capron of the Atlantic and Danville Railroad have tendered their resignations.

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